

Coming soon: Required recycling

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This is no longer a matter of conscience. It's serious business. You will be mandated to recycle your garbage. And when you don't you could be fined \$50, according to a Farmington Hills ordinance proposal that the city council is expected to introduce Monday, April 8, and enact April 15.

The Farmington City Council hasn't discussed an ordinance yet. "This is not something that comes free. Maybe this isn't the time to talk about it. I don't want people to think they'll get all this for what they are paying (taxes) now," Hills councilwoman Jean Fox said.

Homeowners and owners of condominiums with their own separate entrances — so you can put your recyclables in city-approved containers at the curbside — will be charged a quarterly fee. City officials haven't finalized details but homeowners will probably be charged approximately \$15 every

four months for recycling.

THE FEE will be charged by the Resource Recovery and Recycling Authority of Southwestern Oakland County, of which Farmington and Farmington Hills are members.

Before the July 1, the city's single-family homeowners and owners of condominiums with separate entrances will be given an 18-gallon recyclable plastic container. The proposal calls for charging residents a \$12 security deposit for the container, but that's still under debate. Under the proposed ordinance, the deposit would be returned when residents move, for example. Mayor Aldo Vagnozzi questioned the deposit because he said that for residents who stay in the city 30 or 40 years, it becomes a fee for the container.

"That's a real cost but it could be integrated into the (quarterly) fee," city manager William Costick said. If the container is lost, stolen or damaged, it's the homeowner's responsibility to replace it with a container approved by the city.

When curbside recycling begins, your garbage day will remain the same. But on that day, three garbage trucks — one for each type of garbage you have separated — will

come to your house instead of just the one you're used to seeing.

In the plastic container you must put your recyclables, such as glass, including green, clear, brown and other colors, tin cans, and certain types of plastic containers.

IN A CLEAR plastic bag, you must separate your compostables, such as lawn clippings, weeds, fallen leaves, shrub and plant clippings and other organic waste material from landscaping and home maintenance. The city will give homeowners stickers to put on these bags so the collector can identify compostables.

And in a third bag or container, you will put your mixed waste, which is garbage and rubbish. That includes food waste and miscellaneous items such as paper, magazines, ashes, glassware, dishes and other items used in usual housekeeping. It does not include dirt, gravel or construction debris.

"They can put their garbage or rubbish in whatever container they usually put it in," said Karen Birkholz, Farmington and Farmington Hills recycling coordinator. "Anything not recycled or composted will be assumed to be garbage."

The city and its garbage company, Waste Management Inc., of Detroit,

mean business. If non-recyclable materials are placed in the recycling containers, the Waste Management collectors will not collect it, and you will have violated the ordinance and could be subject to a fine.

If you refuse to recycle or have done it improperly, the garbage collectors can refuse to collect garbage, and again you would be subject to a fine. The same goes for separating compostables.

"As I read this it's kind of harsh," Mayor Vagnozzi said. "I think there's going to be a lot of people who don't intend to violate the ordinance, but will make a mistake."

Vagnozzi suggested that a trial period be established before fines are levied against recycling violators. He suggested that the fine could be waived if the violator corrects the mistake.

Because garbage is such a serious and expensive business these days, the proposed ordinance also prohibits anyone from scavenging garbage. "Now that there's a market for recyclable materials, it's important there's an anti-scavenging ordinance to prevent people from sorting through materials (and selling them)," said Tom Bassett, Farmington Hills public services director.

Barbs fly over plan

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The company spent an estimated \$10,000 on advertising prior to the election but did not file with election officials, prompting a complaint to be filed by Farmington resident Tina Jensen shortly after the election.

Jensen claimed Headlee's ad campaign was anti-millage and was instrumental in drawing "no" voters to the polls; company officials contend their campaign was informational only. She is waiting to hear official word from the state about his ruling, but said, "I guess we'll have to go a little bit further on this" if the complaint is totally dismissed.

Jensen said she was concerned that if the issue continues much longer, it may negatively color the June election campaign.

CAMPAIGN FINANCE statements for the Feb. 5 election were due at Oakland County by March 5. Friends of Farmington Schools filed a statement showing the group spent some \$3,100 to finance its campaign effort, while the anti-millage Citizens for Quality Schools filed a waiver claiming to have spent less than \$1,000 — allowed under the state's Campaign

Finance Act. DeVries said his group spent \$450 on literature drops and photocopying expenses. Neither Headlee nor his company filed as a ballot question committee or a political action committee, or filed any campaign finance statement.

Friends treasurer Bobbie Feldman said Tuesday she had yet to receive a copy of the DeVries complaint from the state and therefore "cannot comment on specific, alleged violations" but is confident about how her group handled their campaign. "Friends of Farmington Schools has absolutely nothing to hide financially," she said. "I feel really confident with anything we did. My books are open."

Elections officials at Oakland County had no questions or problems with her filing, she added.

In addition to Feldman, others mentioned in DeVries' complaint include Carol Luckshelter and Jayne Wochomurka.

DeVries, who said he had taken out nominating petitions and intends to run for the school board in June, said he's "just trying to keep everyone honest" and that his complaint was prompted because he "didn't see the kinds of things I expected to see" on the Friends filing.

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Group offers nature trails

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Few areas are left anymore that reflect our natural heritage," Smiley said.

THE PELTZ-MDOT land is a "prime example of a forested area" — similar to the type that have been lost through development. "It's a rarity to have such areas. This is great for wildlife and for people."

When the time comes, "it (Audubon's nature trails) is an alternative we would want to explore," Potter said.

The eight-year parks and recreation plan designates construction of an entrance road, parking, nature trails and picnic area for a \$600,000 in the next eight years if voters approve the half-mill levy.


"A trail head parking" area would

be compatible with maintaining the Peltz-MDOT land in its natural state, Smiley said. He warned that "any reduction of the habitat" from development "would diminish the whole parcel."

The Detroit Audubon Society owns a nature sanctuary near Port Huron. Though there have been rumors of the Audubon's interest in buying the Peltz-MDOT land, Potter said the acreage is not for sale.

clarification

A story about the Cub Scouts' Pinewood Derby in the March 21 edition of the Farmington Observer should have said that electronic finish timer used in the event was developed by Garland and Neil Engineering of Lathrup Village.



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